(b) Government of Karnataka has submitted 25 Draft Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) during July/1st week of August, 2005 for electrification of rural households only in already electrified villages of the State.

Impending power crisis in State

3088. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to a survey conducted by ASSOCHEM it had been revealed that many States are heading for power crisis;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the said survey had revealed that lack of investment and modernization coupled with huge transmission losses are responsible for the grave power situation?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) As informed by ASSOCHEM, a survey on the power position in the country during the current summer season was conducted by them. The main findings of the said survey were as under:

(i) A large number of States including Maharashtra, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and Meghalaya were in the grip of worsening power shortages as temperature soared to scorching level of above 42 degrees this summer;

(ii) Power theft, leakages and commercial losses as well as lack of fresh investment and modernization coupled with huge transmission losses are responsible for the grave power situation in the country;

(iii) The following suggestions have been made in the survey to tackle power shortages:

- There is a serious need to carry out vigorous distribution reforms and anti theft measures;
- Subsidizing of electricity leads to all the more wastage of power. Even if it is subsidized, it should be for only certain number of units. Beyond that, slabs for number of units consumed and the respective rates should be set;

- Check on excessive transmission and commercial losses, demand side management, use of non-conventional sources of energy, transfer of surplus power from the captive units.

Demand and supply of power in Andhra Pradesh

3089. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total demand and supply of power in Andhra Pradesh as on date;

(b) the sources of power supply and the number of sub-stations in Andhra Pradesh at present;

(c) whether there was frequent power failure or load-shedding in recent days;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Total demand and supply of power in Andhra Pradesh during the period April to July, 2005 is given below:

Energy (MU)	April to July, 2005	Peak (MW)	April to July, 2005
Requirement	16928	Demand	7558
Availability	16477	Met	7435
Shortage	451	Shortage	17
Percentage Shortage	2.7	Percentage Shortage	1.6

(b) The power supply to the State of Andhra Pradesh is met from their own generating stations, drawal of power from Central generating stations against their share and bilateral contracts.

As per Transmission Corporation of Andhra Pradesh Limited, there are 3 Nos. 400 KV substations, 79 Nos. 220 KV substations and 230 Nos. 132KV substations in Andhra Pradesh as on 31.07.2005.

(c) to (e) The power supply position in Andhra Pradesh has been quite comfortable in the recent past. No statutory power cuts have been announced by the State Government. However, to bridge the gap between